

The Banks County Board of Commissioners held a worksession on October 14, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. in the Wilson Shoals conference room of the Banks County Courthouse Annex. Present were Chairman Gene Hart, Commissioner Joe Barefoot and Commissioner Rickey Cain. Also present were Administrative Office Angela Sheppard, Public Utilities Director Steve Reese and Fred Hawkins of Rindt McDuff & Associates. The purpose of the worksession was to discuss increases in water and sewer rates.

Ch. Hart called the worksession to order.

Mr. Hawkins presented a list of proposed water and sewer rate increases which included residential and commercial rates. In order to qualify for a loan for water improvements on Highway 105, GEFA had required an increase in rates to provide additional revenue of approximately \$200,000. The proposed rates are as follows:

**Banks County Water Rates  
Tap and Connection Fees**

**Sewer Rates: 110% of Water bill**

	<b><u>Water Rates: Residential</u></b>	<b><u>Water Rates: Commercial</u></b>
Includes First 2,000 gallons	\$17.50 Minimum	\$25.00 Minimum
2,001 to 6,000 gallons	\$4.85 per thousand	\$5.00 per thousand
6,001 to 10,000 gallons	\$5.05 per thousand	\$5.20 per thousand
10,001 to 15,000 gallons	\$5.20 per thousand	\$5.40 per thousand
15,001 to 25,000 gallons	\$5.40 per thousand	\$5.60 per thousand
Over 25,000 gallons	\$5.60 per thousand	\$5.80 per thousand

**Tap/Connection Fee:**

**Water - Residential**

<b><u>Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Tap Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Deposit</u></b>	<b><u>Connection Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
3/4"	\$850.00	\$100.00	\$525.00	\$1,475.00
1"	\$900.00	\$100.00	\$700.00	\$1,700.00
2"	\$2,500.00	\$200.00	\$1,500.00	\$4,200.00

**Water - Commercial**

3/4"	See Note 1	\$100.00	\$2,225.00	\$2,325.00
1"	See Note 1	\$100.00	\$3,850.00	\$3,950.00
2"	See Note 1	\$200.00	\$12,150.00	\$12,350.00
3"	See Note 1	\$300.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,800.00
4"	See Note 1	\$400.00	\$47,750.00	\$48,150.00
6"	See Note 1	\$600.00	\$106,100.00	\$106,700.00
8"	See Note 1	\$800.00	\$181,700.00	\$182,500.00
Fire Service Meter	See Note 1	NA	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00

**Sewer**

<b><u>Water Meter Size</u></b>	<b><u>Proposed Tap Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Deposit</u></b>	<b><u>Connection Fee</u></b>	<b><u>Total</u></b>
3/4"	See Note 1	\$100	\$3,600	\$3,700
1"	See Note 1	\$100	\$6,250	\$6,350
2"	See Note 1	\$200	\$19,700	\$19,900
3"	See Note 1	\$300	\$42,950	\$43,250
4"	See Note 1	\$400	\$77,300	\$77,700
6"	See Note 1	\$600	\$171,600	\$172,200
8"	See Note 1	\$800	\$294,000	\$294,800

**Account Re-establishment:**                      \$115.00 (100.00 Deposit/\$15.00 Cut on)

**Hydrant Meter:**

Monthly Rental Fee	\$30.00
\$25.00 Base Rate	Includes First 2,000 gallons
\$5.00 per thousand	2,001 to 6,000 gallons
\$5.20 per thousand	6,001 to 10,000 gallons
\$5.40 per thousand	10,001 to 15,000 gallons
\$5.60 per thousand	15,001 to 25,000 gallons
\$5.80 per thousand	Over 25,000 gallons

**Notes:**

1. Developer required to furnish and install all taps and meters for commercial water and sewer services. Work to be inspected and approved by Banks County.
2. Tap fees for all meters greater than 8" shall be calculated by the County Engineer, based on usage and calculated to residential use (ERU) of 350 GPD.
3. For master meters serving more than one unit, the fee shall be the larger of the rate shown or the equivalent of a 3/4" tap for each unit served by such meter.

Bobby Caudell was also present and stated concerns with increases for poultry house tap fees and asked that the board consider a special agricultural rate. All commissioners agreed this would be researched and considered at a later date.

The worksession ended at 6:08 p.m.

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Chairman

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County Clerk

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